MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLARKSVILLE, ARKANSAS HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF CITY HALL ON JULY 13, 2020 AT 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT AND PRESIDING: Mayor David Rieder, City Clerk/Treasurer Barbara Blackard and City Attorney Clayton McCall.

ALDERMEN PRESENT: Eddie Bradley, Heather Johnston, Eddie King, Danna Schneider, Judy Weaver and Freeman Wish.

Aldermen Weaver made a motion to approve the Agenda with the additions of face mask and District Court which Alderman Johnston seconded.
Vote aye: Aldermen Bradley, Johnston, King, Schneider, Weaver and Wish.

Alderman Schneider made a motion to approve the minutes which Alderman Weaver seconded.
Vote aye: Aldermen Bradley, Johnston, King, Schneider, Weaver and Wish.

Discuss Speed Control
Alderman Schneider stated speeding was an ongoing problem; she had talked with several people in different neighborhoods. One solution to slow traffic down is to make the lanes narrower as was done on College Avenue at the University. This is not an option for neighborhoods. Morgan Barrett had suggested stop signs and traffic circles. Stops signs have been put up, but people run them, and there is not enough room for traffic circles. Speed bumps are impractical because of safety with emergency vehicles. Another option would be to stripe the middle of the street and down the sides. This has a tendency to keep the traffic in the lanes and slows the traffic. Alderman Schneider suggested getting a cost to stripe streets and to stripe Meadow Place since that was a street that the stop signs have been installed but people continue to speed down. Police Chief stated when complaints are received, they work the area and this slows the traffic temporarily. They also randomly pick streets to patrol to slow the traffic. Chief Ross stated he had been looking at a small radar that mounts to a pole. It does reports that will tell you the traffic volume, how many violators you have, the average speed, and the time you have the highest volume of offenders. The average cost of this radar is $5,000.00. Alderman Schneider stated speeding had always been a problem and suggested trying the stripes versus spending $5,000.00 for the radar machine. Alderman Weaver suggested painting STOP on the street. Alderman Schneider stated painting crosswalks on the streets had a tendency to slow traffic. Alderman Weaver said she didn't see a lot of people speed on Meadow Place; it was usually coasting thru the Stop sign. Alderman King stated if the street did not have a speed limit sign posted the speed would be 30 mph. Mayor Rieder stated you had people exceeding the 30 mph on Montgomery Street. Alderman Schneider requested a cost estimate to stripe the streets. Alderman Schneider made a motion to table until cost estimates were received which Alderman Weaver seconded.
Vote aye: Aldermen Bradley, Johnston, King, Schneider, Weaver and Wish.

Ordinance to Waive Bid Requirements – Peden Property
The clerk read the Ordinance. Mayor Rieder requested a motion to approve the Ordinance. Alderman King made a motion to approve the Ordinance which Alderman Schneider seconded. Mayor Rieder declared the Ordinance open for discussion. Alderman Schneider asked if improvements would be done to the property. Mayor Rieder stated this would become a parking lot with approximately 80 parking spaces. Alderman King asked if the alley would remain. Mayor Rieder stated when the work began on the Levee, we would lose Legion, so to off-set this loss Dunlap would be a one-way South and McConnell would be a one way north. Alderman Schneider asked if anyone had complained because Legion Street was closed. Mayor Rieder stated a few had complained and some feel that we need a light at Fulton because it is hard to turn left. Mayor Rieder stated the utilities would need to be put underground. Alderman Schneider stated she would like to see all the utilities downtown put underground and get the poles off Main Street. Mayor Rieder stated the parking lot would make downtown more usable. Alderman Schneider asked if we had a cost estimate for the parking lot. Mayor Rieder stated it would cost approximately $75,000.00. The Clerk called the roll and the following vote was recorded:
Vote aye: Aldermen Bradley, Johnston, King, Schneider, Weaver and Wish.
Ordinance No. 20-844 passed 6-0.

Adjust Budget for Closing Costs, Survey – Peden Property
Alderman Schneider made a motion to appropriate up to $10,000.00 from Economic Developments for additional costs on the Peden Property which Alderman Bradley seconded
Vote aye: Aldermen Bradley, Johnston, King, Schneider, Weaver and Wish.

Amendment to Police Procedure Manual
Chief Ross reviewed the changes to the Police Procedure Manual. Alderman Schneider asked if the officers had regular training. Chief Ross stated each officer had 24 hours of training per year plus in-house training. Alderman Weaver made a motion to approve the Amendments to the Police Procedure Manual which Alderman Johnston seconded.
Vote aye: Aldermen Bradley, Johnston, King, Schneider, Weaver and Wish.

Levee Grant-Proposed De-Obligation of Loan
Mayor Rieder suggested that the funding for the Levee would consist of a $1,000,000.00 Grant from the Arkansas Department of Agriculture and pay the additional $800,000.00 from Street Improvement Funds and de-obligate the $412,000.00 from the Water Development Fund. Alderman Wish made a motion to de-obligate the $412,000.00 which Alderman Weaver seconded.
Vote aye: Aldermen Bradley, Johnston, King, Schneider, Weaver and Wish.

Mitigation Plan Country Club Road
Mayor Rieder stated the mitigation was not just for Country Club Road but also included Clark Road. A service road between exit 57 and exit 58 was needed for log truck so that the trees on the Corp property area could be thinned of the excess trees. A 50 feet wide access road would be built as mitigation. The Street Department and Parks Department would help with the access road. Alderman Wish made a motion to approve the City building an access road to the Corp property as Mitigation for the Clark and Country Club Road projects. Alderman Weaver seconded the motion.
Vote aye: Aldermen Bradley, Johnston, King, Schneider, Weaver and Wish.

Discuss 911
Chief Ross stated that 911 addressing needed to be updated to include new addresses within the City. Chief Ross would contact MappingSolutions for an estimate on updating and report back. Alderman Schneider stated it was her understanding that addresses would not have to be changed. Chief Ross stated in order for it to work perfectly the addresses would need to be changed. Alderman Schneider made a motion to table until the August meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderman King.
Vote aye: Aldermen Bradley, Johnston, King, Schneider, Weaver and Wish.

Review Animal Control
Charles Earls reviewed the number of dogs picked up for the year. He stated they had picked up 138 dogs since January. Alderman King asked how many had been euthanized. Mr. Earls stated 3 had been euthanized, 2 because of parvo and 1 had been hit by a car. Mayor Rieder stated his biggest concern was with the feral cat population. Mr. Earls stated the feral cat problem had been discussed at the last meeting before the Corona Virus but no action had been taken. Alderman Schneider stated that $2,500.00 had been budgeted for the feral cat problem. Mr. Earls stated they were currently trying to get to the point they could house cats and adopt them out. The problem they are currently having is trying to keep the building cool. They are currently using chicken house fans but feel a water cooler would work better. Mr. Earls stated that 37 dogs had been reclaimed by their owners and 56 adopted out.

Resolution Regarding the Use of Face Mask
After discussion it was agreed to pass a Resolution. The Mayor stated that Clarksville's current positive COVID was at 18.1%. The Clerk read the Resolution. Alderman Weaver made a motion to approve the Resolution which Alderman Schneider seconded.
Vote aye: Aldermen Bradley, Johnston, Schneider, Weaver and Wish.
Vote nay: Alderman King.
Resolution No. 20-1086 passed 5-1

District Court
Mayor Rieder stated that the District Judge position would now be paid by the State. Sarah Capps was elected to fill the position of District Judge beginning 2021. The City would be responsible for 29.6% of the $58,650.00. The 29.6% is the percentage of cases handled by the Judge in 2019. Sarah Capps request a Court Administrator position be added at a salary of $37,500.00. It was agreed to have the Budget Committee review the anticipated expenditures to be budgeted for 2021.

REPORTS
Police
Chief Ross reviewed his report in the Dropbox.

Street/Engineering
Morgan Barrett reported that he was currently finishing the administrative work on the Levee. Stating that the advertisement for bids would begin in 45 days. The stage was substantially complete. Complete report in Dropbox.

Aquatic
Ian Elliott reported that Silver Sneaker had been completed, and he had started on Silver & Fit. The contract had been sent to the City Attorney for review. He is currently working on making Aqua Zumba year around. Lazy River walk was going on at the outdoor pool.

Economic Development/Chamber
Stephen Houserman reported that Johnson County was still experiencing a housing shortage. He is working with the Chamber for a scare tactic for masks. The City's unemployment rate is 4.5 and Johnson County is 10.5. The City had twelve small businesses added since March. The Economic Development website would be launched later this month. Complete report in Dropbox.

Clarksville Connected Utility
General Manager John Lester reported the name on Face Book has been changed to Clarksville Connected Utility it no longer is shown as Clarksville Light & Water. Report in Dropbox.

A&P
Currently working on Christmas in Cline Park which will include an Ice Rink and a tree decorating contest along the walking trail.

Treasurer
Treasurer's Report, Budget Comparison and Disbursement were submitted. A copy of the 2019 Audit findings was placed in the Dropbox.

After motion being made and seconded the meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Mayor David Rieder

ATTEST:

Barbara Blackard

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